

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-4, 20, 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams U.S. Patent 5,717,620. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims, 1, 20, and 23 have been amended to include the subject matter that has been identified to be allowable. Accordingly, claims 1, 20, and 23 and those depend therefrom are patentably distinguishable from Williams.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 5-6, 16-19, 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams U.S. Patent 5,717,620. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 16 has been amended to include the subject matter that has been identified to be allowable. Claims 5-6 depend from claim 1 and claims 21-22 depend from claim 20, which have been amended in the manner of claim 16. Accordingly, these claims are now patentably distinguishable from Williams.

Claims 8-10, 14-15, 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vandenameele-Lepla US Patent Publication 2003/0058787 A1 in view of Williams U.S. Patent 5,717,620. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 9 and 26 have been amended in the manner of claim 1. Accordingly claims 9 and 26 and those depend therefrom are patentably distinguishable from the combination of cited references.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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